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IN RE APPLN. OF: GRIDLEY ET AL.  
SERIAL NO. 09/492,602  
FILED: JANUARY 27, 2000  
FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RETREADING TIRES  
GROUP ART UNIT: 1733  
EXAMINER: J. FISCHER

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to an office action in the subject application.

☐ Applicants claim small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.27.

☒ Petition for Extension of Time
☒ Applicants petition for a two-month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136, the fee for which is \$410.00 (enclosed).

☒ Applicants believe that no further petition for an extension of time is necessary. However, to the extent that such petition is deemed necessary, Applicants hereby petition for a sufficient extension of time to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee.

☒ No additional claim fee is required.

☐ Other:

The claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Respectfully submitted,  
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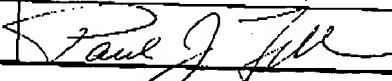
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 3, 2003, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS IN THE CLAIMS begin on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on page 8 of this paper.

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